

Claim 42 is supported by page 12, lines 6-8;

Claim 43 is supported by page 12, lines 6-8;

Claim 44 is supported by page 12, line 29, to page 13, line 8;

Claim 45 is supported by page 12, line 29, to page 13, line 8;

No new matter is believed to have been added by these amendments.

REMARKS

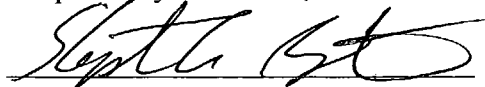
Claims 24-45 are pending in this application.

This application is a divisional application of U.S. application serial No. 10/435,354, filed May 12, 2003, which is a continuation of U.S. application serial No. 09/796,607, filed March 2, 2001, which was a continuation application of U.S. application serial No. 09/147,669, filed February 24, 1999, which was a 371 of PCT application No. PCT/EP98/03533, filed June 10, 1998, which claims the benefit of UK application No. 9712434, filed June 13, 1997.

Applicants submit herewith a 37 CFR 1.604 request for an interference with U.S. patent application serial No. 10/176,851, published on March 20, 2003, as US 2003/0053957 A1 and naming Buenafae et al. as inventors.

Applicants submit that the present application is ready for examination on the merits
with special dispatch. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

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